GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:337
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CAPACITY UTILISATION OF SAIL
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the plant-wise details of the capacity utilisation of the SAIL, during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for higher production cost and the sub-standard production of steel; and

(c) the steps taken to check the production of sub-standard steel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.337 T ANSWERED ON 12.12.2000 TABLED BY SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK REGARDING CAPACITY UTILISAT SAIL

(a) Plant-wise details of capacity utilisation for saleable steel for the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during the last three years are given below:

(Unit : %)

Plants	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
BSP	112	106	108
DSP	79	83	88
RSP	97	92	70
BSL	87	81	86
ASP	84	54	45
SSP	101	68	85
VISP	65	75	90
IISCO	84	87	103

(b) & (c): Cost of production has been higher due to increase in input costs as well as due to interest and depreciation charges arising out of capitalisation of modernisation schemes of Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant and Bokaro Steel Plant.

SAIL`s production is not substandard.However, some untested/offgrade arisings are generated at different stages of the production process. All efforts are made to control these arising. These steps include :

- increasing the proportion of concast steel;

- careful handling of material at different stages;

- increased utilisation of secondary steel refining facilities; and

- modernisation/upgradation of finishing facilities

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